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The State's Information Technology Approach to Y2K

Governor Davis has made the Y2K issue a priority for the State. In February 1999, he issued Executive Order D-3-99, which stipulated the conditions for addressing the Y2K issue. Since then, the State Chief Information Officer, Elias S. Cortez, has established a Y2K Program Management Office (PMO). The Y2K PMO serves as an "umbrella" organization for providing centralized and coordinated direction, monitoring, and reporting for the Y2K activities of all State agencies and departments.

Y2K Information Sources

The California Y2K website and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) website are the official sources of comprehensive information about California's Y2K activities. These sites include information about the State's readiness status, what the public should do to prepare, available resources for local governments, and information about numerous other Y2K resources. Please refer to the State's official website of state entity status information at <http://www.year2000.ca.gov> and the OES website at: <http://www.oes.ca.gov>.

Please e-mail any questions regarding Y2K to the Department of Information Technology Y2K PMO at <http://www.project.office@emc.ca.gov>.



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What is the State's Information Technology Approach to Y2K?

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What do I need to do to prepare for Y2K?

The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) has prepared an individual preparedness guide entitled "Y2K What2Do" that provides suggested preparations related to water, food, cooking, health, banking, communications, transportation, and other facets of our daily lives. In general, you should prepare for Y2K in the same manner that you would prepare for any other potential emergency. Above all, do not panic! Begin now to work with your family, friends, neighbors and others to prepare for Y2K. The document may be found at the OES website: <http://www.oes.ca.gov>.

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